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For: MONOLITHIC CERAMIC ELECTRONIC
COMPONENT AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract is on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Fee |
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| Total | 18 | - 20* = | | X | |
| Independent | 2 | - 3** = | | X | |
| First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | |

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

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